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<b>DECLARATION FOR UTILITY OR DESIGN PATENT APPLICATION</b> (37 CFR 1.63)	<b>Attorney Docket Number</b>	P03965US1
	<b>First Named Inventor</b>	RISTIC, Zoran
	<b>COMPLETE IF KNOWN</b>	
	<b>Application Number</b>	09 / 810,764
	<b>Filing Date</b>	March 16, 2001
	<b>Group Art Unit</b>	
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**MAIZE CHLOROPLAST PROTEIN SYNTHESIS ELONGATION FACTORS AND METHODS OF USE FOR SAME**

(Title of the Invention)

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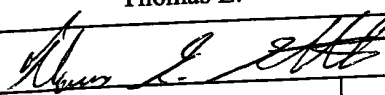
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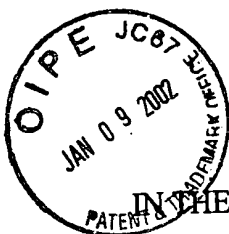
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